

**THE DANNY L. RADISH AWARD**  
Honoring  
**THE ENLISTED AIRCREW MARINE OF THE YEAR**

**STAFF SERGEANT BART C. DAVIS, USMC**

For the period of 1 January 2010 ~ 31 December 2010

For service as set forth in the following citation:

STAFF SERGEANT DAVIS' INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES AND TRAINING PROCEDURES AS A UH-1Y WEAPONS AND TACTICS CREW CHIEF INSTRUCTOR AND QUALITY ASSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE FOR HMLA-369 FROM 1 JANUARY 2010 TO 31 DECEMBER 2010, WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN INCREASING THE OVERALL COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF BOTH THE SQUADRON AND THE H-1 COMMUNITY. HE PERSONALLY TRAINED 19 CREW CHIEFS AND 8 AERIAL OBSERVERS DURING 323 SYLLABUS TRAINING EVENTS RESULTING IN 9 MISSION CAPABLE COMBAT CREWS. AS A QUALITY ASSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE HE CONDUCTED 11 SPECIAL AND ANNUAL AUDITS AND PERSONALLY MANAGED 6 MAJOR SQUADRON PROGRAMS. STAFF SERGEANT DAVIS FLEW A TOTAL OF 376 FLIGHT HOURS, DELIVERING ACCURATE AND DEADLY FIRES IN SUPPORT OF THE GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT ON 13 OCCASIONS. STAFF SERGEANT DAVIS'S EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, INITIATIVE, AND LOYAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

~ PROUDLY PRESENTED BY THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION ~

  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN "GLAD" CASTELLAW, USMC (RET)  
NATIONAL COMMANDER





## COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the  
DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS MEDAL to

STAFF SERGEANT BART C. DAVIS  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

### CITATION:

For heroism while participating in aerial flight as UH-1Y crew chief, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward), I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) Afghanistan on 18 June 2010 in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Staff Sergeant Davis was the crew chief in the lead UH-1Y helicopter tasked with conducting an emergency resupply of ammunition to ground forces in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Under intense small-arms, machine gun, and rocket propelled grenade fire, Staff Sergeant Davis expertly facilitated the helicopter's ingress to the landing zone by identifying obstacles and providing area over-watch. He supervised the offload of ammunition and supplies, which continuously exposed him to enemy fire. Upon egress from the landing zone, he spotted enemy forces with rifles aimed at the helicopter and provided suppressive fire with a .50 caliber machine gun as the helicopter received fire. At approximately 600 feet above the ground, the aircraft commander sustained multiple gunshot wounds. Staff Sergeant Davis attended to the injured pilot and maneuvered him away from the controls to administer first aid. He then directed the crew to man the machine gun and aid the co-pilot, who took control of the aircraft. Staff Sergeant Davis's calm actions under duress allowed the co-pilot to quickly return to Camp Bastion, safely land the helicopter at the hospital landing pad, and ensured effective air crew support throughout the flight. By his superb airmanship, inspiring courage, and loyal devotion to duty in the face of hazardous flying conditions, Staff Sergeant Davis reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

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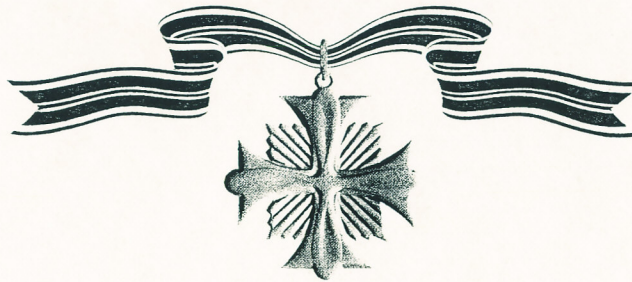


For the President

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Commandant of the Marine Corps





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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
HAS AWARDED THE

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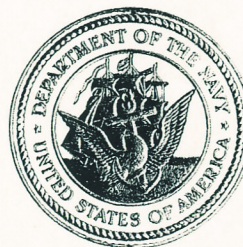
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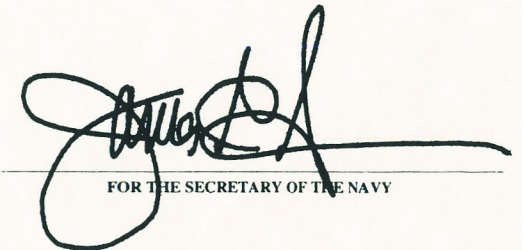
STAFF SERGEANT BART C. DAVIS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR

HEROISM WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT  
ON 18 JUNE 2010

GIVEN THIS 2ND DAY OF APRIL 2011



  
FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY